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ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
MUNICIPAL OFFICERS
AND
Superintendent of Schools
OF THE
TOWN OF ROME

**For the Municipal Year Ending
February 20, 1946**

CONSISTING OF WORK OF APRIL 1, 1945 TO FEB. 1, 1946

Together with Warrant for Town Meeting of
March 4, 1946

Farmington, Maine
The Knowlton & McLeary Co., Printers
1946

MAR 24 1947

Officers of the Town of Rome, 1945

Town Clerk
GEORGE H. LeBARON

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor
GEORGE H. LeBARON BARTON P. RICHARDSON
PARIS MOSHER

Tax Collector
GEO. G. DOWNS

Treasurer
MRS. FRANCIS P. WATSON

Superintendent of School
JAMES deWEVER

School Committee
VARNEY MOSHER ALIDA LeBARON
ROBERT McTAGGART

Road Commissioner
OLAND TIBBETTS

Board of Health
LEON WATSON

Supt. of Burial
E. A. WARREN

Selectmen's Report

To the Citizens of Rome:

We submit the following expenditures for the year ending Feb. 15, 1946.

MONEY RAISED AT ANNUAL TOWN MEETING 1945, MAR. 5, AND COMMITTED TO GEO. DOWNS, COLLECTOR

Schools	\$3,600 00
Books and Supplies	200 00
Repairs School Buildings	150 00
High School	1,800 00
Supt.	285 00
Poor	500 00
State Nurse	30 00
Publicity Bureau	50 00
Pine Blister	200 00
Road Patrol	600 00
Special Resolve	300 00
Snow Removal	1,600 00
Fire Protection	150 00
Insurance	125 00
Jamicia Point Road	300 00
Roads and Bridges	1,500 00
Maintenance State Aid Road	50 00
Maintenance Third Class	230 00
Contingent Fund	600 00
Town Officers	1,100 00
Cemetery	300 00
Bushes	400 00
Dependent Children	100 00
Electric Lights	285 00
Black Road	225 00
Bradley Road	150 00

Tracy Hill	\$ 200 00
State Tax	3,607 09
County Tax	631 72
Overlay	53 95
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	\$19,322 76
Supplementary Taxes	84 47
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Total	\$19,407 23

Real Estate, Resident	\$108,015 00
Real Estate, Non-Resident	296,535 00
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Total Real Estate	\$404,550 00
Personal Estate, Resident	\$20,030 00
Personal Estate, Non-Resident	19,205 00
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Total Personal Estate	\$39,235 00
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Grand Total	\$443,785 00

No. Polls Taxed	80
No. Polls not Taxes	21
Rate	\$43.00 per thousand

ASSESSMENTS

43 mills on \$443,785.00	\$19,082 76
80 Polls at \$3.00	240 00
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Total	\$19,322.76
Supplementary Tax	84 47
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	\$19,406 23

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

	No.	Value
Horses and Mules	72	\$5,490 00
Cows	199	7,800 00
Oxen	13	780 00
3. Year Olds	57	2,055 00

	No.	Value
2 Year Olds	6	\$ 145 00
Sheep		
Swine		
Poultry	3,800	2,040 00

OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY

Stock in Trade	1	\$ 50 00
Boats	159	11,715 00
Gas Pumps	3	515 00
Musical Instruments	9	1,040 00
Radios	75	495 00
Furniture	11	6,100 00
Machinery	1	1,000 00

CEMETERIES

Appropriation	\$300 00	
Rec'd from Paris Mosher	5 00	
Rec'd from Marshall Robinson	5 00	
		\$310 00
Expended		328 78
Overdraft	\$18 78	

CEMETERY REPORT NO. 1

Bert Warren, labor	\$233 20	
Percy Fuller	59 48	
Bert Warren, lawn mower	8 00	
Hall & Blake, supplies	8 90	
Harold Kimball, supplies	2 50	
G. H. LeBaron, use of truck	6 00	
W. B. Arnold, supplies	2 50	
Hall & Blake, flags	2 61	
F. L. Butler, nitrate	2 11	
Checker Board Feed Store, nitrate	3 48	
		\$328 78
Appropriated by town		310 00
Overdrawn		\$18 78

TRUST FUNDS

A. G. Turner lot	\$1 50
James Mosher lot	1 50
George Tracy	3 00
C. Dudley	1 50
J. H. Littlefield	1 34
Betsy Watson	1 37
Levi Thing	3 00

\$13 21

NO. 2

There were seventeen lots sold in 1945, I sold fifteen. Geo. Kelley sold two, one to Ed Austin and one to Fred Robinson.

The following lots have not been paid for: Leon Drury's and Fred Robinson's.

Fred Robinson claims that he is entitled to a lot as he was a soldier, but he is not, all he is entitled to is a grave in the soldiers' lot that I know for a fact.

Now as this was my last year — I say what ought to be done the coming year — there should be 300 lbs. of ammonia nitrate on the Tuttle Cemetery, that will put it in good shape. It would be a good plan to put ashes on the Cemetery, too.

There are five Cemeteries to take care of — it is also the Sexton's job to cut the grass around the Church.

E. A. WARREN,

Supt. of Burials.

E. A. Warren, Supt. of Burials, claims two lots for soldiers, next to the Pauper lot.

COMPLETE LIST NO. 3

CEMETERIES

Warrant No.	V		
3 Mar. 29	33	Hall & Blake	\$ 8 85
3 Mar. 29	34	Harold Kimball	2 50
4 Apr. 12	38	W. B. Arnold Co.	2 50

Warrant No.	V		
4	Apr. 12	47 Hall & Blake	\$ 8 90
5	Apr. 26	50 Bert Warren	10 50
7	May 24	83 Bert Warren	34 72
8	June 7	94 Bert Warren	39 68
8	June 7	95 Percy Fuller	29 76
8	June 7	96 G. H. LeBaron, truck	4 00
9	June 21	105 Bert Warren, Payroll No. 1	63 94
10	July 5	116 Hall & Blake, flags	3 61
10	July 5	117 Bert Warren	34 72
11	July 5	118 G. H. LeBaron, truck	2 00
11	July 19	130 Bert Warren, work and supplies	20 84
12	Aug. 2	143 Bert Warren	42 24
12	Aug. 2	144 G. H. LeBaron, truck	2 00
12	Aug. 2	145 F. L. Butler, nitrate soda	2 11
13	Aug. 15	163 Bert Warren	10 56
17	Oct. 25	212 Bert Warren	5 35
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			\$328 78

TRUST FUNDS EXPENDED ON CEMETERY

Interest on Trust Funds	\$13 07
Bert Warren expended	13 07

FIRE PREVENTION — BELGRADE

Raised by town	\$150 00
Paid Town of Belgrade	150 00

ELECTRIC LIGHTS

Amount raised	\$285 00
Paid Central Maine Power Co.	288 00
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Overexpended	\$3 00

HEALTH NURSE

Voted by Town	\$30 00
Expended	30 00

TOWN OF ROME FOR YEAR 1945

Greetings:

1945, Victory in war, and we ask ourselves, have we been as faithful in our duties on the home front? Have we given sufficient thought to developing a stronger generation by building healthier bodies, cleaner minds, and better morals? Have we protected our children from communicable diseases? The State Bureau of Health through its Public Health Nursing Service has endeavored to help your community to do these things; by teaching the principles of good health, physically, mentally and morally. Our Staff is still depleted but we are trying to maintain these principles.

Some scheduled health work has been postponed due to communicable diseases in the community. Nevertheless, it gives me pleasure to report the following for the year 1945:

14 days of Public Health Nursing Service were given to your town. This was divided into home visits to expectant mothers, infants and preschools.

1 Child Health Conference was held with 7 attending, all receiving physical examinations and immunizations against whooping cough, diphtheria, and smallpox. The Child Health Conferences plan was discontinued for the year due to the prevalent communicable disease as mentioned above.

All 5 schools were visited and 59 tuberculin tests given. The positive reactors were x-rayed with no active tuberculosis cases found.

The following activities are suggested for Health work in 1946:

1. Child Health Conferences, at least 3 during the year.
2. Routine tuberculin testing of all children and adults if desired.
3. Audiometer testing for hearing loss in all schools.

Respectfully submitted,

EUNICE S. NOLLET,

Public Health Nurse.

ADVERTISING NATURAL RESOURCES

Voted by Town	\$50 00
Expended	50 00

CONTINGENT FUND

Town of Oakland, rent Rationing Board	\$33 33
W. W. Berry & Co., town books	2 70
Marks Printing House, town books	1 75
Maine Municipal Association, dues	15 00
W. W. Berry & Co., town books	3 90
The Knowlton & McLeary Co., town reports	96 50
Marks Printing House, town books	21 20
G. H. LeBaron, paid for affidavits	1 00
W. W. Berry & Co., repairs adding machine	18 00
Marks Printing House, books	2 30
A. M. Douglas, recording deed transfers	12 40
G. H. LeBaron, mailing out tax bills	3 50
The Knowlton & McLeary Co., printing tax bills	6 50
Marks Printing House, books	3 00
G. G. Downs, postage	3 00
G. H. LeBaron, collecting dog taxes	16 00
Alida LeBaron, writing descriptions	12 00
Percy Kinney, repairs on Pine Point Road	25 00
Miles Carpenter, contract	5 00
Marks Printing House, town seal	5 50
Depositors Trust Co., debit memo	1 45
A. W. Douglass, description of deeds	2 50
Geo. Downs, expense	6 00
Depositors Trust Co., debit memo	1 45
G. H. LeBaron, hall	7 50
Marks Printing House, supplies	4 75
G. H. LeBaron, expenses	16 50
G. H. LeBaron, postage	7 00
G. H. LeBaron, automobile service	47 75
Frances Watson, postage	9 00
State Auditors	99 77
The Knowlton & McLeary Co., printing	6 17

 Total

\$497 42

Amount raised	\$600 00
Hall rent	5 50
Bank Stock	8 28
Total	<u>\$613 78</u>

Unexpended	<u>\$116 36</u>
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PINE BLISTER

Voted by town	\$200 00
Expended	199 64
Unexpended	<u>\$ 36</u>

VICTORY TAX

Paid U. S. Internal Revenue	\$535 23
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POOR

Amount raised by Town	\$500 00
Paid on account of Geo. Shepard	95 59
Unexpended	<u>\$404 41</u>

TOWN OFFICERS

Amount raised	\$1,100 00
Selectmen	\$400 00
Treasurer	125 00
Clerk	30 00
School Committee	45 00
Ballot Clerks	9 00
Moderator and Constable	11 00
Recording births and delayed returns	16 75
Excise Collector	32 50
Robert Smith, bonds	50 00
Board of Health	30 00
G. G. Downs, Collector, on 1945 taxes	50 00
G. G. Downs, Collector, on 1945, 1944, 1943, 1942, 1941 and 1939 taxes	421 38
Total	<u>\$1,223 63</u>
Amount raised	<u>1,100 00</u>
Overdrawn	\$123 63

POST WAR FUND

1945 Deposited in bank savings account	\$1,000 00
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SNOW REMOVAL

MAR. 1, 1945 TO FEB. 15, 1946

Snow Contract	\$3,862 50	
Sanding, hauling stock piles, and salt	737 50	
Snow Fence	133 48	
Total		\$4,733 48
 Raised by Town	 \$1,600 00	
From State	1,259 40	
From State on snow fence	215 25	
Total Credits		\$3,074 65
Overdraft		1,658 83

SANDING

Oland Tibbetts	\$113 77	
Leeman Turner	25 96	
Roy Fentiman	2 25	
Ivan Tibbetts	60 65	
Clifton Ladd	103 75	
Levi Wentworth	45 75	
Blaine Tibbetts	30 00	
Geo. Tibbetts	60 00	
Galon Workman	4 96	
Minia Tracy, sand	7 00	
Merrill & Mayo, salt	78 00	
		\$532 09

SNOW FENCE

Oland Tibbetts	\$30 00
Levi Wentworth	22 44
Ivan Tibbetts	18 00
Paris Mosher	22 44
Alton Mosher	12 00
Clifton Ladd	20 00

Geo. Mosher	\$12 00
Roy Fentiman	15 00
Russell Stevens	9 34

\$161 22

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES

Oland Tibbetts	\$461 74
Levi Wentworth	84 22
Clifton Ladd	289 63
Leeman Turner	80 33
Stanley Blaisdell	98 64
Merle Clement	141 57
Harry Hawes	2 48
George Mosher	60 08
George LeBaron	5 00
Clyde Tracy Jr.	17 36
Galon Workman	12 40
Russell Stevens	20 00
Raymond Tibbetts	48 92
Paris Mosher	35 44
Robert Knight	19 84
Ivan Tibbetts	6 00
George Tibbetts	35 00
Blaine Tibbetts	17 36
Alton Mosher	7 96
David Crosby	76 50
Fred Mosher	81 00
Earl Ladd	9 00
Lloyd Holt	6 00
Archie Witham	96 00
Fred Robinson	8 93
Roy Fentiman	12 00
Minia Tracy, gravel	28 80
Bertha Wentworth, gravel	4 50
Rollins & Dunham, supplies	2 50
James Coyne, supplies	19 67
Karl Wilson, supplies	100 35
M. E. Knapp, supplies	5 75

W. W. Small, supplies	\$ 60	
Berger Culvert Co.	66 78	
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		\$1,962 35
E. A. LaBelle		23 72
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Expended		\$1,986 07
Town raised	\$1,500 00	
From Smithfield	30 00	
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		\$1,530 00
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Overexpended		\$456 07

CUTTING BUSHES

Oland Tibbetts	\$143 50	
Paris Mosher	18 65	
Levi Wentworth	41 88	
Alton Mosher	6 00	
David Crosby	88 50	
Raymond Tibbetts	26 25	
Roy Fentiman	57 00	
Fred Robinson	6 75	
Lyle Frost	79 50	
Geo. Mosher	21 00	
Fred Mosher	115 50	
Lloyd Holt	12 00	
Clifton Ladd	13 76	
Earl Moulton	24 00	
Clyde Tracy Jr.	4 96	
Galon Workman	9 92	
Leeman Turner	7 44	
Russell Stevens	6 00	
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		\$682 61
Town raised		400 00
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Overexpended		\$282 61

FIFTY-FIFTY REIMBURSEMENT

Town raised	\$50 00
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Oland Tibbetts	\$ 3 00	
Levi Wentworth	2 48	
Leeman Turner	11 96	
	<hr/>	\$17 44
Unexpended		<hr/> \$32 56

TRACY HILL

Oland Tibbetts	\$34 00	
Russell Stevens	18 40	
Clifton Ladd	31 50	
David Crosby	6 00	
Geo. Mosher	6 00	
Raymond Tibbetts	6 00	
Ola Alexander	6 00	
Leo Lapierre	6 00	
Herman Pearson	10 00	
Minia Tracy	13 00	
Maine S. H. Com.	67 70	
	<hr/>	\$204 60
Expended		200 00
Town raised		<hr/> \$4 60
Overexpended		

BRADLEY ROAD

Amount raised		\$150 00
Oland Tibbetts	\$28 00	
Raymond Tibbetts	12 00	
Lloyd Holt	12 00	
Fred Mosher	12 00	
Clifton Ladd	20 00	
Ivan Tibbetts	6 75	
Levi Wentworth	6 00	
Blaine Tibbetts	12 00	
Geo. Tibbetts	24 00	
Minia Tracy	4 75	
	<hr/>	\$137 50
Expended		<hr/> \$12 50
Unexpended		

THIRD CLASS CONSTRUCTION

From Richardson Corner to Foster's Corner, formerly Third Class

Oland Tibbetts	\$41 75
David Crosby	25 50
Fred Mosher	35 42
Raymond Tibbetts	13 50
Archie Witham	60 00
Merle Clement	28 00
Clifton Ladd	31 25
Geo. Mosher	3 00
Herman Morrill	4 00
Geo. Tibbetts	20 00
Blaine Tibbetts	9 92
Sid Goodwin	8 75
Clifton Towle	5 25
Herman Pearson	5 00
Leo Lapierre	3 00
Ola Alexander	10 50
Minia Tracy	25 80
Maine S. H. Com.	57 40

\$388 04

Due from State \$359 89

Under a new law the town puts this in shape and State takes it over as State Aid Road.

STATE AID ROAD, ROUTE 225 — TAR

Paid State and from Town Fund	\$1,757 57
Amount from Town on tar	\$1,350 00
Amount from town, out State Aid Fund	407 57
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	\$1,757 57

PATROL ROAD

Raised by Town	\$600 00
Paid State, and they charged \$10 per mile for cutting bushes — which were not cut	.818 00
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Overdrawn	\$218 00

16½ miles charged for cutting bushes at \$10.

\$165 00

STATE AID ROAD, ROUTE 225 — TAR

Oland Tibbetts	\$50 75
Fred Mosher	43 50
David Crosby	43 50
Raymond Tibbetts	37 50
Clifton Ladd	50 75
Herman Pearson	41 25
Sid Goodwin	37 50
Merle Clement	100 00
Archie Witham	92 00
Donald Ames	23 75
Clifton Towle	22 50
Geo. Porter	14 25
Leo. Lapierre	24 75
Ola Alexander	34 50
Walter McHugh	9 75
Clayton Rogers	9 75
Herman Morrill	12 00
Minia Tracy	61 00
Maine S. H. Com.	188 60

\$897 60

THIRD CLASS MAINTENANCE NO. 1

Oland Tibbetts	\$61 88
Stanley Blaisdell	12 48
Fred Mosher	12 00
Paris Mosher	12 00
Alton Mosher	12 00
Levi Wentworth	31 73
Leeman Turner	5 98
Herman Morrill	32 00
Clifton Ladd	68 75
Roy Fentiman	18 75
Raymond Tibbetts	41 25
Geo. Mosher	41 25
David Crosby	26 25
Donald Ames	20 00

Geo. Porter	\$12 00
Sid Goodwin	5 00
Clifton Towle	3 00
Herman Pearson	10 00
Leo Lapierre	6 00
Ola Alexander	6 00
Maine S. H. Com.	32 80
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	\$471 12

THIRD CLASS NO. 2

Expended on Maintenance Third Class Road (Including tarring Hoyt Hill)	\$1,001 66
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Third Class Maintenance voted at town meeting	\$230 00
Also raised special	300 00
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	\$530 00
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	\$471 66

For a number of years Third Class money was not expended, so our Supervisor authorized the Road Commissioner to spend this money.

SPECIAL RESOLVE ROAD

Town raised for 1945	\$300 00
State	300 00
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	\$600 00
For year 1946	300 00
For year 1946, State	300 00
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	\$1,200 00

To be expended in 1946

DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Paid State	\$150 98
Amount raised	100 00
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Overdrawn	\$50 98

INSURANCE ON HALL AND SCHOOLHOUSES

Paid Robert Smith	\$169 93
Amount raised	125 00
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	\$44 93

COLLECTOR'S ACCOUNT

Total commitment, including Supplementary	\$19,410 23
Total Treas. receipts	18,090 28
Total uncollected	1,338 34
Refund to Mrs. Schultz	18 00
Received since settlement	451 93
Total uncollected	886 41

GEO. G. DOWNS, Coll.

NON-RESIDENT UNPAID TAXES

Burnstein, Florence	\$ 17 20
Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Leon	50 53
Gibson, Arnold	4 30
Haynes, Jessie L.	25 80
Herrick, Mrs.	55 90
Loucks, Norman, Heirs	4 30
LaBelle, E. A.	43 00
Levine, Aaron	118 25
Mosher, Merle	21 50
Miller, Harry	43 00
Poulin, James	4 30
Pressey, Everett	1 08
Philbrick, Wm.	25 80
Standard Oil	7 53
Sexton, Mrs. George	41 72
Zimber, Theodore and Albert	86
Foster, E. T., Heirs	6 20
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	\$471 27

RESIDENT UNPAID TAXES

Austin, Belle and Eddie	\$ 20 64
Blackden, Neil	3 00

Clement, Merle, paid after books closed	\$16 03	
Frost, Charles	6 23	
Foster, Elias	2 15	
Frost, Adelbert	2 37	
Foster, Floyd	12 90	
Gage, Frank and Grant, Kenneth	1 08	
Grant, Kenneth	3 23	
Hawes, Harry	5 15	
Hawes, L. M.	14 03	
Hawes, Coleta	12 90	
King, William	17 20	
Knight, Kenneth	6 67	
Littlefield, J. A.	9 48	
Moore, Henry	11 60	
Reuter, George, Est., paid after books closed	455 16	
Ryley, Harlan	45 37	
Thresher, Alice	43 00	
Turner, Leeman and Nathalie	70 74	
Sears, Harry	1 29	
Wentworth, Levi	10 11	
Wentworth, C. E. Est.	43 00	
Warren, Alice and Ross	25 80	
	3 00	
		\$867 07
Received since books closed		451 93
Total uncollected, resident		\$415 14
Total uncollected, non-resident		471 27
Grand total uncollected		\$886 41

LIST OF ABATEMENTS

Central Maine Power Co.	\$17 20
Arnold Gibson	17 20
Edmund Hill	1 08
Capt. Larsen	4 30
Leighton Castle	5 30
Norman Tibbetts	3 00
Fred Robinson	4 52

Ira Wentworth Est.	\$3 87	
Bert Warren and wife	6 23	
	<hr/>	\$62 70

G. H. LeBARON,
BARTON P. RICHARDSON,

Selectmen of Rome.

ASSETS, BILLS RECEIVABLE

Due from State	\$318 88	
Due from Hallowell	295 69	
	<hr/>	\$614 57
Uncollected Taxes, Downs, Collector		
1945	\$886 41	
1944	355 02	
1943	281 13	
1942	423 74	
1941	358 01	
1940	308 77	
1939	196 19	
1938	90 27	
1937	35 35	
1936	81 73	
1935	6 41	
1934, Blaisdell	462 87	
1932	337 17	
1931	160 37	
Tax Liens	424 02	
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Total		\$3,983 14

BILLS PAYABLE

The Town owes no bills or notes whatever.

FRED M. BERRY
STATE AUDITOR
CHESTER A. DOUGLAS
DEPUTY AUDITOR



MAURICE G. PRESSEY
DEPARTMENTAL AUDITOR
JOHN T. SINGER
MUNICIPAL AUDITOR

STATE OF MAINE
State Department of Audit
Augusta

Board of Selectmen
Rome,
Maine
Gentlemen:

January 15, 1946

In accordance with Chapter 16, Section 3, Revised Statutes of 1944 and at your request, the records of the town of Rome have been audited by Auditor Carl G. Hawes for the period February 18, 1944 to February 19, 1945 inclusive.

The examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards applicable in the circumstances and included all procedures which were considered necessary. In the accompanying comments, you will find an exception noted as relates to this examination. This is briefly as follows:

The Tax Collector and Excise Tax Collector have not deposited their collections monthly with the Treasurer as required by Chapter 81, Section 105, Revised Statutes of 1944.

This should have your attention so that subsequent audits will not reveal the same condition.

Exhibits and schedules incorporated in this report impartially present the financial position of the town of Rome and the result of its operation for the period designated.

Comments and other data incorporated in this report may prove of interest to you. All of which is respectfully submitted.

Very truly yours,

FRED M. BERRY,
State Auditor.

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COMMENTS

Re: Audit of the town of Rome
February 18, 1944 to February 19, 1945

All receipts as issued were examined and found correctly recorded. Deposits as entered on the bank statements were compared with the receipts.

Cash on deposit and subject to check as of February 19, 1945 reconciled with the bank statement.

Expenditures were made by check from warrants drawn by the Selectmen.

Payments received on tax liens appeared to have been applied against the proper accounts. Those remaining unpaid were checked.

The trust fund investments were examined and it appeared that the income received had been properly accounted for.

The tax commitment was compared with the records of the Assessors. It was ascertained that this commitment was accounted for by cash paid the Treasurer and abatements, or unpaid taxes as reflected on the records of the Collector.

It was necessary to check all payments as recorded on the Tax Collector's cash sheets.

The 1944 Excise tax collections were checked from the copies of the receipts and \$21.48 was found due from the Collector. The 1945 excise taxes collected to February 19, 1945 amounting to \$97.60 had not been deposited with the Treasurer. We would recommend that the Tax Collector and Excise Tax Collector deposit all collections with the Treasurer monthly.

The records of the Selectmen were examined and approximately sixty warrants were checked to the distribution book.

Payrolls were test checked.

**TOWN OF ROME
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET**

ASSETS		
	February 19, 1945	February 18, 1944
GENERAL FUND:		
Cash (Schedule A-1)	\$8,097 52	\$7,010 34
Tax Accounts Uncollected:		
Taxes (Schedule A-2)	\$3,942 31	\$3,936 25
Tax Liens (Schedule A-3)	409 42	524 30
Tax Deeds (Schedule A-4)	24 80	24 80
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	4,376 53	4,485 35
Less - Reserve for Losses	1,405 77	1,500 00
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	2,970 76	2,985 35
Accts. Rec. (Schedule A-5)	124 50	309 49
Less - Reserve for Losses		295 30
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	124 50	14 19
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Total General Fund	11,192 78	10,009 88
TRUST FUNDS:		
Cash - Time Deposits		
(Schedule A-6)	890 79	890 79
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TOTAL ASSETS	\$12,083 57	\$10,900 67
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LIABILITIES**GENERAL FUND:**

Accts. Pay. (Schedule A-7)	\$ 14 48	\$ 37 76
Due Other Agencies:		
Withholding Tax	\$31 49	\$37 00
Me. Teachers' Retirement Association	18 50	18 50
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	49 99	55 50
Unexpended Appro. Forward (Exhibit D)	1,642 95	1,077 18
Net Surplus (Exhibit E)	9,485 36	8,839 44
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Total General Fund	11,192 78	10,009 88
TRUST FUNDS	890 79	890 79
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TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$12,083 57</u>	<u>\$10,900 67</u>

Treasurer's Report

TOWN OF ROME

Cash Balance Feb. 19, 1945		\$ 7,097 52
Taxes		
1945 account	\$18,027 58	
1944 account	570 94	
1943 account	119 36	
1942 account	84 44	
1941 account	27 68	
1940 account	18 11	
1939 account	2 88	
Tax abatements	62 70	
Withholding taxes	549 03	
Excise tax, 1944 balance	21 48	
Excise tax, 1945 balance	266 18	
Dog tax refund	65 40	
Bank stock tax	8 28	
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		19,824 06
Rec'd from State:		
Highways	\$1,460 00	
Education	2,632 05	
Charity	1,454 01	
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		5,546 06
Teachers' Pension Retirement Fund	\$126 79	
Interest on Cemetery Trust Fund	13 34	
Interest on Post War Fund	11 27	
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		151 40
Miscellaneous		381 68
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Total Receipts		\$33,000 72

Warrants Paid	\$29,498 51
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Cash Balance Feb. 19, 1946	\$3,502 21
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DEPOSIT IN SAVINGS ACCT.

Depositors Trust Co., Oakland, Me. on Post War Fund	\$1,000 00
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Net Cash Balance, Feb. 19, 1946	\$2,502 21
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POST WAR FUND

Depositors Trust Co. Savings Acct., 1945 Deposit	\$1,000 00
Depositors Trust Co. Savings Acct., 1946 Deposit	1,000 00

Total Post War Fund	\$2,000 00
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TREASURER'S CASH BOOK, TOWN OF ROME, ME.

FRANCES P. WATSON, Treasurer

Receipts

Date	Receipt		Amount
1945	No.	Received from For what	
Feb. 19,		Cash balance	\$7,097 52
Apr. 25	128	Withholding tax, bal. 1st quarter	36 03
Apr. 26	129	G. H. LeBaron, hall rent	2 50
July 3	130	State of Maine, snow removal	1,245 60
July 20	131	Tax Collector, 1945 tax acct.	330 57
July 20	132	Tax Collector, 1944 tax acct.	3 00
Aug. 3	133	Tax Collector, 1945 tax acct.	636 13
Aug. 3	134	Tax Collector, 1944 tax acct.	308 98
Aug. 3	135	Tax Collector, 1944 tax acct.	40 95
Aug. 3	136	Withholding Tax, 2nd quarter	106 22
Aug. 16	137	Tax Collector, 1945 tax acct.	1,806 82
Aug. 16	138	City of Hallowell, Percy Fuller acct.	147 93
Aug. 28	139	Mert. Young, 1945 tax acct.	68 80
Aug. 30	140	Tax Collector, 1945 tax acct.	48 38
Aug. 30	141	Town of Mt. Vernon, tuition C. Schools	40 00
Aug. 30	142	Tax Collector, 1945 tax acct.	156 73
Sept. 21	143	Tax Collector, 1945 tax acct.	1,971 33
Sept. 21	144	City of Hallowell, Percy Fuller acct.	138 25
Oct. 11	145	Town of Smithfield, plank	30 00

Date	Receipt			Amount
1945	No.	Received from	For what	
Oct. 11	146	State of Maine, Bank Stock tax		\$ 8 28
Oct. 11	147	Tax Collector, 1945 tax acct.		2,492 21
Oct. 11	148	Tax Collector, 1944 tax acct.		117 39
Oct. 11	149	Tax Collector, 1943 tax acct.		40 20
Oct. 11	150	Tax Collector, 1942 tax acct.		49 50
Oct. 19	151	State of Maine, Veteran No. 1		1,102 60
Oct. 19	152	State of Maine, Veteran No. 1		48 28
Oct. 27	153	Withholding tax, 3rd quarter		252 54
Nov. 17	154	State of Maine, Veteran No. 1		41 66
Nov. 23	155	Tax Collector, 1944 tax acct.		5 85
Nov. 23	156	Tax Collector, 1945 tax acct.		2,271 39
Dec. 8	157	Tax Collector, 1945 tax acct.		594 94
Dec. 8	158	Geo. H. LeBaron, hall rent		3 00
Dec. 26	159	Tax Collector, 1945 tax acct.		3,446 41
Dec. 26	160	Tax Collector, 1944 tax acct.		42 84
Dec. 26	161	Tax Collector, 1943 tax acct.		37 16
	1946			
Jan. 4	162	Withholding tax, 4th quarter		122 90
Jan. 11	163	State of Maine, School Fund		2,632 05
Jan. 11	164	State of Maine, dog tax refund		65 40
Jan. 11	165	Tax Collector, 1945 tax acct.		1,365 84
Jan. 11	166	Tax Collector, 1944 tax acct.		5 85
Jan. 11	167	Tax Collector, 1942 tax acct.		32 69
Jan. 11	168	Tax Collector, 1941 tax acct.		27 68
Jan. 11	169	Tax Collector, 1940 tax acct.		18 11
Jan. 11	170	Tax Collector, 1939 tax acct.		2 88
Jan. 11	171	State of Maine, Veteran No. 1		143 16
Jan. 17	172	State of Maine, Bounty on Bear		10 00
Jan. 17	173	E. L. Blaisdell, bal. 1944 Excise tax acct.		21 48
Jan. 17	174	E. L. Blaisdell, 1945 Excise tax acct.		266 18
Jan. 31	175	Tax Collector, 1945 tax acct.		377 63
Jan. 31	176	Tax Collector, 1944 tax acct.		37 23
Feb. 2	177	Depositors Trust Co., Oakland Br., int. on Post War Fund		11 27
Feb. 2	178	Depositors Trust Co., Oakland Br., int. on Cem. Trust Fund		6 00
Feb. 14	179	State of Maine, Veteran No. 1		118 31
Feb. 14	180	Marshall Robinson, Cemetery lot		5 00

Date		Receipt		
1945	No.	Received from	For what	Amount
Feb. 14	181	Paris Mosher, Cemetery lot		5 00
Feb. 14	182	Tax Collector, 1945 tax acct.		971 16
Feb. 14	183	Tax Collector, 1944 tax acct.		4 95
Feb. 14	184	Tax Collector, 1943 tax acct.		2 00
Feb. 14	185	Tax Collector, 1942 tax acct.		2 25
Feb. 14	186	State of Maine, Patrol Road		214 40
Feb. 14	187	Teachers of Town Schools, Retirement Fund		126 79
Feb. 18	188	Withholding Tax, Jan. 1 - Feb. 14		31 34
Feb. 18	189	Depositors Trust Co., Waterville Br., Trust		
		Fund interest		7 34
Feb. 19	190	Tax Collector, 1945 tax acct.		1,489 24
Feb. 19	191	Tax Collector, 1944 tax acct.		3 90
Feb. 19	192	Tax Collector, 1943 tax acct.		40 00
Feb. 19	193	Tax Collector, abatements 1945 acct.		62 70

Payments

Date	Warrant	Amount
1945	No.	
Mar. 1	1	\$ 712 43
15	2	1,321 87
29	3	1,004 31
Apr. 12	4	537 49
26	5	1,076 15
May 10	6	844 16
24	7	449 35
June 7	8	589 35
21	9	485 66
July 5	10	464 69
19	11	1,170 18
Aug. 2	12	1,474 91
15	13	1,095 56
31	14	383 55
Sept. 13	15	395 86
27	16	1,176 21
Oct. 11	17	790 83
25	18	1,772 53
Nov. 8	19	1,068 47
22	20	596 14

Date	Warrant	Amount
1945	No.	
Dec. 6	21	1,123 48
20	22	1,533 18
1946		
Jan. 3	23	4,034 94
9	24	1,691 01
17	25	422 26
31	26	810 15
Feb. 14	27	1,989 26
19	28	484 53

Report of Superintendent of Schools

To the Superintending School Committee:

I present, herewith, the report for the year 1945-46, my third annual report as Superintendent of Schools for the Town of Rome.

MEMBERS OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Mr. Varney Mosher, chairman	Term expires 1946
Mrs. Alida W. LeBaron	Term expires 1947
Mr. Robert McFaggart	Term expires 1948

TEACHERS

Mrs. Ermine B. MacFadzen	Blaisdell
Mrs. Louisa P. Moulton	Robbins
Mrs. Beulah M. Richardson	Dudley
Mrs. Frances P. Watson	Whittier
Mrs. Linda T. Workman	Long Pond

SCHOOL STATISTICS

Registration Ending June 30, 1945

Boys	30
Girls	35
Total	65
Average daily attendance	49.75
Weeks in School year	36
No. of pupils completing last year of elementary course	6
Pupils attending secondary school	14
School census April 1, 1945	97

ROME SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR 1946

Tuesday, January 1, 1946. Holiday.

Friday, February 15. Schools close. Ten days Vacation.

Monday, February 25. Schools open.

Friday, March 1. Temperance Day.
 Friday, April 12. Schools closed. Ten days Vacation
 Monday, April 22. Schools opened.
 Thursday, May 30. Memorial Day. Holiday.
 Friday, June 8. Schools closed. Summer Vacation.
 Monday, September 2. Labor Day. Holiday.
 Tuesday, September 3. Schools open.
 Saturday, October 12. Columbus Day.
 Thursday & Friday, October 24 & 25. Teachers' Convention.
 Monday, November 11. Armistice Day. Holiday.
 Thursday & Friday, November 21 & 22. Thanksgiving Recess.
 Friday, December 13. Schools close. Two weeks Vacation.
 Monday, December 30. Schools open.
 Wednesday, January 1, 1947. Holiday.
 Friday, February 14. Schools close. Ten days Vacation.
 Monday, February 24. Schools open.

EQUALIZATION

In December 1946, the Town of Rome will not receive any equalization money from the State. This is because the law states the school tax rate for a town must be above the average for the State if the town is to receive equalization; and the school tax rate for the Town of Rome is .01126, while the average tax rate of the several towns for school maintenance in the State is .01800.

Our school tax rate of .01126 is arrived at by dividing our local school maintenance appropriation, which is \$5,600, by the State valuation of the town, which is \$497,413.

During the month of November, the superintendents of schools in the State were called to Augusta for a week to listen to lectures by, and consult with, Dr. William H. Burton of Harvard University, consultant for the State Department of Education in the building of a new Elementary School Curriculum.

Much is being done to provide better educational opportunities for the children of the State of Maine, by requiring better training and preparation of teachers, planning a richer curriculum, and securing better materials with which to work.

Along with higher standards for teachers comes their demand for higher salaries. This has brought about a serious teacher shortage in the State of Maine. Many teachers have gone to other states which pay salaries more in keeping with the demands made upon them. Dr.

Harry V. Gilson, State Commissioner of Education, advises us that he expects an even greater shortage for the coming school year. In Rome we have been fortunate to secure teachers who live locally.

All grades from the pre-reading level through the eighth grade have now been equipped with the Scott Foresman basic reading series. This provides excellent material for a strong reading program.

The financial statement included in this report shows the total receipts and disbursements of the school department for the year ending February 9, 1946. The total receipts for the year in the common school fund account \$6,042.57, high school tuition account \$2,820.50, books and supplies account \$236.28, repairs account \$247.22, administration account \$287.51. The total disbursements in the common school account were \$4,692.95, in high school tuition account \$1,777.83, in books and supplies account \$225.29, in repairs account \$211.87, in administration account \$307.54. The unexpended balance in each account is as follows: common school account \$1,349.62, high school tuition account \$1,042.67, books and supplies account \$10.99, repairs account \$211.87. There is a deficit of \$20.03 in the administration account.

In conclusion I wish to acknowledge my indebtedness to the school committee, town officers, teachers and citizens for their helpfulness and support.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES deWEVER,

Superintendent of Schools.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR ROME SCHOOLS

COMMON SCHOOLS

Receipts

Appropriation	\$3,600 00
Balance, 1945	645 52
State Schools Fund	1,757 05
Common Schools Tuition	40 00
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Total	\$6,042 57

Expenditures

Teachers	\$3,815 50	
Conveyance	249 00	
Janitors	236 75	
Fuel	339 20	
Common Schools Tuition	52 50	
Balance, 1946	1,349 62	
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Total		\$6,042 57

HIGH SCHOOL TUITION**Receipts**

Appropriation	\$1,800 00	
Balance, 1945	145 50	
State School Fund	875 00	
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Total		\$2,820 50

Expenditures

High School Tuition	\$1,171 83	
Conveyance	606 00	
Balance, 1946	1,042 67	
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Total		\$2,820 50

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES**Receipts**

Appropriation	\$200 00	
Balance, 1945	36 28	
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Total		\$236 28

Expenditures

Textbooks	\$140 54	
Supplies	84 75	
Balance, 1946	10 99	
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Total		\$236 28

**REPAIRS
Receipts**

Appropriation	\$150 00	
Balance, 1945	97 22	
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Total		\$247 22

Expenditures

Labor and Supplies	\$ 35 50	
Balance, 1946	211 87	
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Total		\$247 22

**ADMINISTRATION
Receipts**

Appropriation	\$285 00	
Balance, 1945	2 51	
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Total		\$287 51

Expenditures

James deWever	\$307 54	
Deficit	20 03	
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Total		\$287 51

Warrant

FOR TOWN MEETING OF MARCH 4, 1946

To George G. Downs, a Constable in the Town of Rome, Kennebec County, GREETING:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby requested to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Rome, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the town hall at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, on Monday, March 4, 1946, to act on the following articles, to wit:

ARTICLE 1

To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ARTICLE 2

To vote by the Australian Ballot until 12 o'clock noon — when the poll will be closed.

Meeting called to order.

ARTICLE 3

To see what sum of money the Town will vote and raise for support of Common Schools.

ARTICLE 4

To see what sum of money the Town will vote and raise for the purchase of Textbooks and Supplies.

ARTICLE 5

To see what sum of money the Town will vote and raise for Repairs of School Buildings.

ARTICLE 6

To see if the Town will vote to transport the High School Scholars for the ensuing year if the parents will pay one-half of transportation expense.

ARTICLE 7

To see what sum of money the Town will vote and raise for Tuition of High School Scholars.

ARTICLE 8

To see what sum of money the Town will vote and raise for Superintendent of Schools.

ARTICLE 9

To see what sum of money the Town will vote and raise for Support of Poor.

ARTICLE 10

To see if the Town will vote and raise Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for Public Health Nursing in Rome, said sum to be expended by the State Bureau of Health for local service.

ARTICLE 11

To see if the Town will vote and raise the sum of \$50.00 to be paid to the State of Maine Publicity Bureau to be expended and used for advertising the natural resources, advantages and attractions of the State of Maine in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 5, Section 82, of the Revised Statutes of Maine.

ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town will vote and raise the sum of \$200.00 to co-operate with the Maine Forest Service and the Federal Government in the control of the White Pine Blister Rust in accordance with Revised Statutes, Chapter 11, Sections 62-3-4.

ARTICLE 13

To see if the Town will vote "yes" or "no" on the question of the appropriation of money necessary to entitle the town to State Aid for State Aid Highways for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 14

To see what sum of money the Town will vote and raise for State Aid Road. One and one-half units or \$800 is the limit.

ARTICLE 15

To see what sum of money the Town will vote and raise for maintenance of State Aid Roads.

ARTICLE 16

To see what sum of money the Town will vote and raise for Patrolled Roads.

ARTICLE 17

To see what sum of money the Town will vote and raise for breaking Snow Roads.

ARTICLE 18

To see if the Town will vote and raise the sum of \$150.00 for use of the Belgrade Fire Truck.

ARTICLE 19

To see what sum of money the Town will vote and raise for Repair of Roads and Bridges.

ARTICLE 20

To see if the Town will vote to raise a sum of not less than \$230.00 required by law for the maintenance of Third Class Roads.

ARTICLE 21

To see what sum of money the Town will vote and raise for Payment of Miscellaneous Orders.

ARTICLE 22

To see what sum of money the Town will vote and raise to pay Town Officers for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 23

To see what sum of money the Town will vote and raise for the care of Cemeteries.

ARTICLE 24

To see what sum of money the Town will vote and raise to cut Bushes on the Highways.

ARTICLE 25

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen on behalf of the Town to sell and dispose of any real estate on the part of the Town for non-payment of taxes thereon, or any other real estate now owned by the Town not used for town purposes, and all equipment connected with the Air Warden System including building used for observation post, bells and locomotive rims used for warnings, on such terms as they deem advisable, and to execute Quit Claim Deeds or Bills of Sale, as the case may be, for such property.

ARTICLE 26

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to procure a Temporary Loan or Loans, in anticipation of taxes, for the purpose of paying indebtedness of the Town. Such notes to be paid during the current municipal year, out of money raised during said current municipal year by taxes.

ARTICLE 27

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise to pay Interest on short time notes.

ARTICLE 28

To see what compensation the Town will vote to give for Collecting Taxes for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 29

To see what sum of money the Town will vote and raise for Dependent Children.

ARTICLE 30

To see if the Town will vote and raise a sum of money to pay for Electric Lights for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 31

To see if the Town will vote and raise the sum of \$225.00 to be expended on the black road for Breaking Snow, erecting Snow Fence, and Sanding Roads.

ARTICLE 32

To see if the Town will vote to accept \$100.00 from Mert Dudley's Estate, interest to be used to keep his cemetery lot in repair.

ARTICLE 33

To see if the Town will vote to pay the School Committee \$15.00 each for 1945 and each year thereafter.

ARTICLE 34

To see if the Town will vote and raise a sum of money for payment of Outstanding Bills.

ARTICLE 35

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to establish any school or schools, that run short of the average attendance, which said School Committee deem profitable to run.

Vote to adjourn without date.

The Selectmen hereby give notice that they will be in session at the Town Hall at 9 o'clock in the forenoon on the 4th day of March, 1946.

Given under our hands at Rome, this 12th day of February, 1946.

G. H. LeBARON,
BARTON P. RICHARDSON,
PARIS L. MOSHER,

Selectmen of Rome.